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atmosphere any, but seem to produce the contrary effect. The Spanish troops are still encamped in the trenches, and many fall sick daily and die. I believe very few of the American troops are seriously sick.

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Surgeon Eugene Wasdin, United States Marine-Hospital Service, has been directed to proceed to Santiago to continue certain investigations with regard to the causes of yellow fever, which were in progress at Habana at the commencement of hostilities between the United States and Spain. He will also assist in sanitary work, in accordance with War Department orders of August 11, 1898.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. O. Cobb, United States Marine-Hospital Service, has been detailed to Ponce, Puerto Rico, for quarantine inspection of vessels and crews, in accordance with the quarantine law of February 15, 1893, and by request of the Department of War. (August 11, 1898.)

MEXICO.

One death from yellow fever in Vera Cruz.

[Telegram.]

VERA CRUZ, *August 16, 1898.*

Yesterday 1 soldier died in hospital. Cause yellow fever.

CANADA,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

TRINIDAD.

Quarantine against Venezuelan ports.

TRINIDAD, BRITISH WEST INDIES, *August 2, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the information of the Department of State that all Venezuelan ports have been proclaimed by the Trinidad Government to be infected with smallpox, for the purposes of the quarantine ordinance.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ALVIN SMITH,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney.*—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 417,250. Total number of deaths, 498, including diphtheria, 10; enteric fever, 6; measles, 17; smallpox, 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

BERMUDA.—Two weeks ended August 12, 1898. Estimated population, 15,013. One death.

COLOMBIA—*Cartagena*.—Month of July, 1898. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 50, including 4 from yellow fever.

FRANCE—*Nantes*.—Month of July, 1898. Estimated population, 125,000. Total number of deaths, 182, including enteric fever, 2; smallpox, 1, and whooping cough, 1.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended August 6 correspond to an annual rate of 18.3 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Salford, viz, 25.6, and the lowest in Brighton and Huddersfield, viz, 10.2.

London.—One thousand five hundred and eighty-six deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 14; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 30; whooping cough, 29; enteric fever, 10, and diarrhea and dysentery, 227. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 18.4 a thousand. In greater London 2,076 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 16.9 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 7 from measles, 8 from diphtheria, and 16 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended August 6 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 21.2 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Drogheda, viz, 3.8, and the highest in Tralee, viz, 39.2 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 160 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 5; scarlet fever, 1, and whooping cough, 2.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended August 6 correspond to an annual rate of 20.0 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,568,536. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 16.4, and the highest in Greenock, viz, 34.0 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 604, including diphtheria, 2; measles, 20; scarlet fever, 4, and whooping cough, 30.

GUIANA—*Parimaribo*.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 30,535. Total number of deaths, 70.

MALTA.—Two weeks ended July 15, 1898. Estimated population, 177,745. Total number of deaths, 204, including 5 from enteric fever.

NICARAGUA—*San Juan del Norte*.—Month of July, 1898. Estimated population, 1,156. Five deaths.